

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria for the Lynnhaven River, Broad Bay and their tributaries.

The Lynnhaven River, Broad Bay, and Linkhorn Bay impaired segments are located wholly within the City of Virginia Beach. These areas are identified in the Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Number 25, Lynnhaven, Broad and Linkhorn Bays, effective 10 April 1998. The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and '62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The public meeting on the development of the Lynnhaven River and Broad Bay fecal coliform TMDLs will be held on December 2, 2003 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Princess Anne High School, 4000 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Final water quality modeling results, fecal coliform bacteria source identification, and load and waste-load allocations will be presented.

The public comment period will begin on December 3, 2003, and end on January 3, 2004. Draft reports for the Lynnhaven River and Broad Bay are available upon request, or from the Department of Environmental Quality website. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chester Bigelow and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chester Bigelow, Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, telephone (804) 698-4554, Fax (804) 698-4116, or e-mail cbbigelow@deq.state.va.us.